Introduction of Teller System in the Branches of Banks

1582. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of branches of nationalised banks in the country as on March 31, 1988;

(b) what is the total number of branches of nationalised banks in which teller system has been introduced for the encashment of cheques; and

(c) by when this facility is likely to be introduced in the remaining branches of the nationalised bank branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of December, 1987, 37038 branches of Public Sector Banks were functioning in the country, of which 7302 branches have introduced the teller system. RBI has further reported that no definite time bound programme for introduction of teller system has been drawn up.

Export of Mutton and Buffalo Meat to Foreign Countries

1583. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of mutton and buffalo meat exported to foreign countries alongwith the names of such countries during the last three years;

(b) the total earnings in foreign exchange on this account during this period; and

(c) what is the new policy of Government about the export of meat to foreign countries and to what extent it will boost export of meat to foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The total quantity and value of Mutton and Buffalo Meat exported during the last three years is as under:

Quantity in tonnes

Year	Mutton		Buffalo Meat		Canned Buffalo Meat	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1985-86	10618	2412	31623	3618	1382	248
1986-87*	9378	2297	36064	4584	1376	321
1987-88* (Apr-Jan '88)	6834	1857	43596	5706	—	34

*Provisional

(i) The major destinations for mutton exported from India are the United Arab Emirates, Sultanate of Oman, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

(ii) The major destinations of Buffalo Meat exported from India are Malaysia, UAE, Sultanate of Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Yemen Arab Republic, Mauritius, Turkey, Iran, Gabon and Zaire.

(iii) The major market for our Canned Meat is Egypt.

(c) In terms of the new policy announced recently, exports of mutton and buffalo meat are permitted within a limited ceiling. The export of buffalo meat is subject to a minimum export price.